

CURRICULUM VITAE

FRANCOIS JACOBUS OOSTHUIZEN

NAME OF FIRM:	OABS Development (Pty) Ltd
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DATE OF BIRTH:	7 July 1999
YEARS WITH FIRM:	1 year
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QUALIFICATIONS

2021 B.Com Honours (Agricultural Economics), North-West University (Potchefstroom, South Africa)
2020 B.Com (Agricultural Economics with Risk Management), North-West University (Potchefstroom, South Africa)

EXPERIENCE

After completing his school career, Franco went on to North-West University (Potchefstroom, South Africa), to enrol for a BCom Agricultural Economics with Risk Management degree, which he successfully completed in 2020. Selected for further academic studies, Franco went on to obtain his Honours degree in BCom Agricultural Economics in 2021. During his studies, Franco assisted OABS as a student researcher on a few technical and financial due diligence studies to start gaining experience and a better understanding of the industry. These studies included citrus, macadamia and table grape projects.

Following his studies, he obtained practical farming experience in the grain industry in South Africa, mentored by two notable grain farms. He proceeded to work from 2022 to 2024 as a foreign agricultural worker through the H2A program in Montana, United States of America, to gain international agricultural experience, learn different farming practices and to broaden his horizon.

In January 2024 Franco joined OABS as a junior agricultural economist and researcher. During his time at OABS, he has been part of technical and financial due diligence studies, development of business plans, development of feasibility studies, and a diagnostic and design evaluation of the service needs of farmers. Franco also assisted Hortgro as Project Coordinator in the Transformation Department. His role included: the administration of 50 Commercial Farmers projects as well as CASP Fruit projects, maintain contact with suppliers and clients/farmers, follow up with both the supplier and the client to make sure that the products that have been ordered has been delivered and that the client is satisfied with the services. Site visits were also part of the responsibilities.
